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Commencement Program.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH.

The Baccalaureate exercises in the Stone Church at 11 a. m.

At 4:30 p. m. the Young Men's Christian Association anniversary in the chapel. An address by the Rev. Charles G. Sewall, of Rome.

MONDAY, JUNE 25TH.

Campus Day at 3 p. m.—President, Grosvenor Walker Heacock; orator, Arthur Bennett Maynard; poet, Selden Talcott Kinney; Junior response, William Frederick Grossmeyer; Sophomore response, Paul Benjamin Williams; Freshman response, Charles Mossman McLean; ivy orator, William Thomas Purdy.

Prize Declamation Contest in Stone Church at 8 p. m.

Junior speakers are: Cady Hews Allen, Edward Carroll Day, William Frederick Grossmeyer, Edman Munger Massee.

Sophomore speakers are William Kent Dunwell, William Bush Simmons, Ernest Joseph Weeks, Harold Otis White.

Freshmen speakers are: Clarence Eldredge Leavenworth, Charles Mossman McLean, Ravaud Hawley Truax, Richard John Williams.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH.

Entrance examinations at 8 a. m.

Meeting of trustees at 2 p. m.

Class Day at 3 p. m. in college chapel. President, Henry Robbins Barrows; orator, Lloyd Paul Stryker; poet, Alexander M. Drummond; historian, Merwyn Humphrey Nellis; prophet, James Albert Melrose; presentation committee, Messrs. MacDonald, Clark, Crawford and Sicard.

Prize Debate in the Stone Church at 8 p. m. Subject, "Resolved, That the United States Senators should be elected by direct vote of the people.

Debaters are: Messrs. Drummond, Melrose, McLean, Edie, Purdy and Nellis.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH.

Adjourned meeting of the trustees at 9 a. m.

General Society of the Alumni at 10 a. m.

Reunion of the anniversary classes Reception by President and Mrs. Stryker, from 4 to 6 p. m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH.

Ninety-fourth annual Commencement in the chapel at 10 a. m.

Alumni dinner in the Commons about 2 p. m.

This year's anniversary classes are: '56, '66, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '03, '05.

The Senior executive committee is composed of Messrs. Bennett, C. Clark, Crawford, Benedict, Macdonald, Miller, Driscoll, Lawrence and Sicard. Walter Merritt Brokaw will be permanent class-secretary for 1906

'07 Oration and Essay Subjects.

The Clark Prize Orations—The Ambition and Defeat of Metternich; The Passing of Absolutism; The Jew in the English Drama; Schiller's Idealism; The Brutality of Power; The Romance of Endurance; The Parity of the Three Departments of Government; Garibaldi.

The 45th Pruyn Medal Oration—Education and Democracy.

The 44th Head Prize Oration—Washington's Debt to Alexander Hamilton.

The 35th Kirkland Prize Oration—The Hebrew and Greek Languages as Vehicles of Religious Truth.

The 16th Soper Prize Thesis—The Future of the Protective System in America.

The Junior Prize Essays—More's "Utopia," a Protest and a Prophecy; The Miser in Literature.

The Sophomore Prize Essays—Thackeray's "Book of Snobs" as a Social Warning; The History and Achievements of the Associated Press.

The Freshman Prize Essays—The Story of the Palatines in America; Great Calamities in Nature: St. Pierre, San Francisco.

The Baseball Season.

After the season is over even the most skeptical of "fans" must admit that the season of 1906 was a success. Hamilton scored in all 71 points against her opponents' 62, which is a good commentary on the season. The only blot on the record is the one which came in our first game—with Utica Free Academy on April 21st.

The "Theologs" from Auburn played here a week later and were beaten 7-5. The game was not at all brilliant.

On May 5th the team went to Schenectady to be beaten by Union, 9-4. The game was lost through costly errors, the fellows at times exhibiting a lamentable tendency to "rise," as one who is opposed to slang put it.

Rochester came down here the eighth and were beaten, 10-2. This game was interesting only on account of the score, although the team played like veterans. A strange thing noticed was that the Rochester pitcher, knocked out of the box here, held the team to but a few hits at Rochester.

Hobart was easy on the 11th, being beaten 13-5.

Colgate came over the 15th and played one of the best games seen on the Hill this year. The teams kept tied three innings and then Colgate scored ahead on several senseless errors. In the eighth and ninth our team came down again and came very near beating our neighbors. On the 18th, Middlebury lost to us, 10-5, in a loosely played game. On the 24th the trip began with a defeat at Syracuse, 7-2, after a hard played game. It was a hard one to lose. At Geneva the next day Hobart was easy, 11-2, and the team went on to Rochester, where they met their Waterloo. Haven was not up to his usual form, and was forced to leave the game in the second. Brown filled his place well, considering the fact that he had pitched the previous day.

On June 1st the best game of the sea-

son was played on the Hill with the Union team. We gave Union three runs, and in the ninth inning they were ahead. We came to bat and tied the score. Neither scored in the tenth, but in the 11th Union won out, 9-5, by good luck and pinch hitting. The last game of the season, with Colgate at Hamilton, had to be cancelled on account of rain. In general the team played good ball.

Coach Watson turned out a team which played ball all the time, although not undefeated. Ferris was a good captain and handled the men well. Himself an excellent player, his presence on the infield tended to keep the men together and confident in themselves.

Smith, Brown, Clark and Cody deserve mention for their consistent work through the season. Financially the season was not all that might be hoped, not quite paying expenses. Manager Kuolt had more games than previous managers and larger guarantees to pay for home games. This, coupled with the fact that the college was rather chary with its subscriptions, put the balance on the wrong side. However, this was no fault of his and he deserves all credit for his efforts. Frank Brown, '07, is captain of next year's team and A. H. Holley, '08, manager. With only three men lost, the team next year should be an excellent one.

Track Review.

The track team of 1906, captained by George Sicard, '06, managed by Robert M. Scoon, '07, and coached by Harry Watson Williams, '05, had a generally successful season. Altogether, the outcome was gratifying, and although Hamilton was given but two opportunities to test her steel against collegiate rivals, on both occasions the result was proof of Hamilton's athletic superiority over institutions of anything like its own size.

The interclass meet on May 10 marked the opening of the track season and was the try-out for the new men. As was freely predicted, the first honors fell to the Seniors, and 1906 handily maintained her claim to the athletic prestige which has attached to it throughout the four years of the course. The Seniors scored 37 points, and the classes followed in order, the Juniors with 26½, the Sophomores with 18½, and the Freshmen with 17½. This result, however, was without the hurdles, and the result of these gave third place to the Freshmen. Although no time was given out, the fierce wind

that blew across the track made new records out of the question. The largest point winners were Sicard and Grossmeyer, each with two first places.

The dual meet with St. Lawrence proved a walkaway for Hamilton with the point score 90 to 17 in favor of the buff and blue. Bad track weather again prevented any new records being hung up, and in most of the events Hamilton was content to loaf into first place without making any special effort.

The big event of the track season was the intercollegiate on Decoration Day. Competing against Colgate and Rochester for the championship of the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union, Hamilton gave Colgate a hard rub for first honors. As it was Colgate won the meet with 53 points, Hamilton second with 45 and Rochester third with 19. Castleman's four firsts turned the balance Colgate's way. Until Colgate got all three places in the two-mile run Hamilton had an easy lead over her rivals. Hamilton also hung up two new records in the meet. Ferris in the broad jump cleared 21 feet 4 inches, two more than the college record held by McLaughlin, '01. Carroll in the high jump not only broke the college record by three-quarters of an inch, but also the state intercollegiate record, when he cleared the bar at 5 feet 5 and ¾ inches.

Financially the season has been a prosperous one as compared with former years. There will probably be a deficit of some \$50, about one-fourth that of last year. The new men who have won the track H for the year are Peck and Mansfield of the Junior class, McLean of the Sophomore, and Spencer and Leavenworth of the Freshman class.

Review of the Tennis Season.

The 1906 tennis season has been brought to a close, perhaps in not such a blaze of glory as last year's season, but surely honorably and creditably to Hamilton.

Few men in college realize the class of Sicard, '06. His work in tennis entitles him not only to a high place intercollegiately, but also in state tennis, and even nationally. It will be a long time before we have his equal in college again, and his graduation leaves a gap in the team almost impossible to fill.

Day, '07, next year's captain, has improved wonderfully over the form he showed last year. Sherman, '06, and Simmons, '08, substitutes last year, seem

to have gone back decidedly, neither one putting up a first-class game. Bramley, '06, did well considering the limitations he had of the inability to smash. He was sure and steady in placing, however.

In 1909, two excellent players have materialized in Conklin and A. F. Osborne. When Conklin develops a more rapid smashing game and Osborne a reliable back-hand, they will be invaluable.

Next year's team will be built about Day, Simmons, Osborne and Conklin, together with a younger brother of Day, who enters with 1910, and already has a record in the game.

The score:

Syracuse....	1	Hamilton...	6
Union.....	4	Hamilton...	2
Cornell.....	5	Hamilton...	1
Colgate.....	0	Hamilton...	4
Played. Won. Lost. Pr.Ct.			
Sicard.....	189	112	77 .593
Day.....	151	89	62 .589
Conklin.....	12	7	5 .583
Bramley.....	140	73	67 .522
Sherman.....	148	70	78 .473
Simmons.....	16	4	12 .250

The standing in sets:

Played. Won. Lost. Pr.Ct.			
Conklin.....	1	1	0 1.000
Sicard.....	20	14	6 .700
Day.....	18	11	7 .611
Bramley.....	14	7	7 .500
Sherman.....	17	7	10 .412
Simmons.....	2	0	2 .000

'07 Prize Awards.

Thompkins Mathematical Prizes—1st, Allen; 2nd, Sprague.

Medals—Day, Mansfield.

Curran Medals in Greek and Latin—Gold, G. C. Clark; Silver, Montgomery.

Hawley Classical Medal—Love.

Huntington Mathematical Scholar—Allen.

Truax Greek Scholarship—Love.

Munson German Scholar—Day.

Soper Latin Scholar—G. C. Clark.

Baseball Schedule.

Apr. 21—U. F. A. 1, Hamilton 0.	
28—Auburn 5, Hamilton 7.	
May 5—Union 9, Hamilton 4.	
8—Rochester 2, Hamilton 10.	
11—Hobart 5, Hamilton 13.	
15—Colgate 10, Hamilton 8.	
18—Middlebury 2, Hamilton 10.	
24—Syracuse 7, Hamilton 2.	
25—Hobart 2, Hamilton 11.	
26—Rochester 10, Hamilton 1.	
June 1—Union 12, Hamilton 5.	

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THE NINETY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT bids fair to be one of the most successful in the history of the college. Elaborate preparations for a good time, such as may always be had at a Hamilton Commencement, have been made by all the classes which celebrate anniversaries. Large delegations of these classes have pledged themselves to be on hand for Wednesday at least. It is not necessary to say that the alumni are always welcome to the home of their college days. Commencement week they are not only welcome, but necessary. For what would the week mean if the "grads" were not on the scene to take an interest in things and prove to the undergraduates that Hamilton means much to her sons for all time. It is this graduate interest in the college and its activities that helps to keep things alive and moving on the Hill. We need the support of the alumni and the fact that so many of them are to be with us this week proves that we have it.

Let's stir things up a bit this week and show the alumni that the shoes which they left empty are well filled by the present college. A good time to

do this will be the day of the parade. All on the job!

THE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE is not an ideal one, but it is one that will give the team some good, hard work and a chance to show what it can do. We lose one of our big home games this year, owing to the abolishing of football by Union. This abolishment is but temporary, however, in memory of Moore, who was killed when Union played New York University last fall. In 1907 we hope again to play them.

The Cazenovia game is a practice one, intended to try out the men before we play Cornell. Cazenovia turns out strong teams and they will come up here determined to do their best in a college game. The other three home games need no introduction. St. Lawrence will try to sustain her record made when she played us 11-11 last October at Canton. Rochester has long been waiting for a late date, which she got this year, in order to show us what she can do at that time in the season. The Colgate game will probably test the team to its limit.

The return game with Trinity ought to be a good one, and the trip to Syracuse, with reduced rates, will give the whole college a chance to see the game. Cornell will be a tough proposition, so early in the season, but remembering last year, we know that Hamilton will do herself proud again.

Troy is an experiment, but we think it will be a successful one, and the game was needed to fill just that particular date left vacant by Union's decision not to play football. The season will be one of hard work. But with the good, although extremely small, nucleus left of last year's team, a good captain, plenty of men ready to sacrifice time and effort, and the hearty support of the college, which comes instinctively, there is no reason why the season of 1906 should not be a successful one.

THE LETTER FROM SICARD, '06, ex-captain of track, published in this issue of LIFE, states clearly the consensus of opinion among the students regarding the position which the faculty has taken on the athletic question.

The faculty advises, makes some obvious suggestions and to a small degree regulates. Without any evidences of dissatisfaction the college submits to the part that regulates, and to a degree will probably follow the advisory clauses. The advantage that would result from more frequent inter-class games are clearly pointed out. The college would do well to follow this suggestion. Nothing fosters the college spirit better than games purely within the college.

THE ADOPTION OF THE RULES published in this issue of LIFE, regarding football officials, is a step in the right direction. A good part of the solution of the football question rests with the officials. Good, reliable men satisfactory to both teams concerned, are essential if we are to have athletics run as they should be. And this is just what these rules aim at and what they will bring about if they are properly enforced. The general adoption of them by the principal colleges of the state shows that there is a strong desire to make a cleaner game possible. Hamilton does well to include itself under these rules.

THE COACH AND CAPTAIN of football expect the squad on the Hill for fall practice on the 11th day of September. The more men who come back for early practice the better will be our chances for a winning team. It is needless again to emphasize the fact that 1906 takes away most of last year's team, and that we will have to begin early and work hard in order to fill the places they have left vacant. Everyone back early who possibly can.

Question of Athletics.

The faculty of the college has taken the following stand on the subject of athletics:

The faculty recommends that athletic contests be held between the classes of the college to a greater extent than heretofore; not expressing disapproval of athletic contests with other colleges provided the scholastic interests of the students be properly safeguarded.

Basket-ball, baseball, tennis, and track athletics are approved as college sports.

Believing that football as at present played tends toward unnecessary brutality and professionalism, we sympathize heartily with the projected reforms as embodied in the recent revision of rules; but we withhold our judgment concerning the efficacy of these reform measures until they shall have been tested in practice.

The tendency toward increased expenditure for athletic sports should be very considerably checked, both through the sentiment of the student body and the practice of the managers; and for this and other reasons, the faculty hopes that the custom of hiring paid coaches will in all American colleges be brought to a speedy end.

Excuses issued in any term to representatives of athletic teams, to delegates to conventions, or to members of musical and other organizations, shall not exceed two extra to the regular allowance in any subect.

No student shall be excused to represent athletic teams for more than two terms in a college year.

Class of 1906—Scholarship.

Valedictorian—M. A. Driscoll, Jr.

Salutatorian—R. N. McLean.

High Honor—Senior year: Brokaw, Garvey, Jenks, Driscoll, Gentes, McLean, Fitch, Hallock, Miller. Course—Driscoll, Jenks, McLean.

Honor—Senior year: Barrows Edger-ton, French, Kellogg, Sicard, Sittig, Tanner, Thompson. Course—Brokaw, Fitch, Gentes, Kellogg, Miller, Sicard, Sittig, Watson.

Credit—Senior year: Bramley, Carroll, Crawford, Drummond, Edie, Fake, Haven, Lawrence, LeMunyan, Maynard, Nellis, Purdy, Sherman, Stryker, Warburton. Course—Barrows, Benedict, Crawford, Drummond, French, Garvey, Hallock, Maynard, Melrose, Nellis, Purdy, Sherman, Tanner, Thompson, Warburton.

DEPARTMENT HONORS.

American History—Brokaw, Nellis. Biology—Fitch. Chemistry—Jenks. English Literature—Miller. Ethics and Bible—McLean. French—Driscoll. German—Edie, Sittig. Greek—Driscoll. Mathematics—Fitch, Gentes, Jenks. Psychology, Logic and Pedagogics—French, Sittig. Sociology, Law and Economics—Barrows, Brokaw, Garvey, Miller, Warburton, Watson. Darling Prize in American History—Miller.

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College Notes.

—Clarke, ex-'07, has been a welcome visitor on the Hill this week. He took his old place at the organ.

—"Tim" Sherman, '06, is making the most of the Senior vacation by putting in some fine work at golf. He recently won the club trophy in the Columbia golf tourney.

—Only two rooms in Carnegie were put up at the drawing, and these were speedily taken. At least half of the rooms in North are, as yet, unclaimed for next year.

—The '91 Manuscript Committee, consisting of Barrows, Edie and Stryker, '06, have announced that the prize has been awarded to the story entitled "The Precipice," by A. H. Woolcott, '09.

—The tennis tournament has at last reached the final round. Day, '07, defeated Simmons, '08, 6-2, 6-2; Conklin, '09, defeated A. F. Osborn, '09, 6-0, 6-0, leaving Day and Conklin together in the finals which were won by Day, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Decennial Reunion of '96.

That disgruntled individual who murmured that there was nothing new in the world would have had the embarrass-

ment of reversing his opinion had he seen the poster which the class of 1896 has compiled for their tenth anniversary celebration, which begins on the Hill on the Wednesday of Commencement week.

If that same disgruntled individual found any loophole to crawl through, it would probably be by producing the program for the vaudeville show given under the auspices of Noah and Company on the now famous ark. No circus posters are read with more alluring adjectives, and withal we can not but feel that the class of 1896 has added materially to the expelitives of the English language. What a master piece is that Greater! Grander! Gorgeouser than ever—Sublime Symposium of Rejuvenated Graduates. It will be noticed that even ten years has not worn away all the Greek lore of some of the class. With singular appropriateness that symposium is used, which due reference to Liddell and Scott will prove to mean a "drinking together." But this, of course refers to the old well.

The first event of the day will be a Handshaking Row in front of the chapel, from which wives, shooting irons and other impediments will be excluded. That morning the class will form in line in front of what is dubbed the Steel Trust Dorm, and will march boldly across the Campus headed by Chick Ward, the Fat, on his Latin horse! How hard it is to obliterate the deeds of other days! Athletic interest will be at fever heat in a ball game between the Sacadamouches and the Job Lots at eleven o'clock, with Scovel running the show. Among other astounding specialties in the track meet Little Greek, blindfolded, is to box four rounds with one Major Harry. We are sorry for the major, when he meets the minor. This pun presumes some Latin knowledge on the part of our indulgent reader, for which we ask pardon. There will be music in the air at 12:30, when the '96 concert is given. "Prex" is to figure in it and "will also be seen biting his finger nails in the background."

But after all, these are but the preliminaries; the excuse, as it were. At 4:30 a special car will carry the surviving remnants of '96 to Utica, and as a curtain raiser to the little episode of the evening, there will be given "its famous specialty skit 'Raising Hell'." Altogether it looks as if there would be "something doing," when '96 comes back to the scenes of its childhood.

New Football Official Rules.

As a result of the long continued meetings of the American Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee, terminating in a conference of this committee with the football managers of the Middle Atlantic Section, held at the Bellevue Stratford, Philadelphia, May 23, three rules governing the officials of football games have been drawn up and signed by the majority of the Athletic Association of the Middle Atlantic section, Hamilton included. These rules are:

First. Each college shall submit to the Sectional Committee lists of officials for approval, and these shall be college men, and properly endorsed except in the case of well known and accredited officials.

Second. Each college shall select all officials except linesmen and timekeepers, from the official lists as published and subsequently amended.

Third. The Sectional Committee shall appoint all official lists to the colleges for indication of any names distinctly undesirable. For minor games each college shall make its own arrangement, selecting from the official list.

Note—In certain of the more important games, the Sectional Committee will probably confer with respective managers concerned.

The list forwarded by Hamilton is composed of the following men:

J. A. Evans, of Little Falls, (Williams.)
E. N. Baxter, of Utica, (Hobart.)
William Botger, of Utica, (Princeton.)
D. C. Munroe, of Utica, (Bowdoin.)
Arthur Foley, of Utica, (Hobart.)
Edward Easton, Jr., of Albany, (Yale.)
Philip Mann, of Camillus, (Colgate.)
C. A. Wright, of Auburn, (Williams.)
Harold G. Metcalf, of Auburn, (Yale.)

As to the New Rules.

To the Editor of Life.

The recommendations and rules concerning athletics, lately announced by the faculty, seem to give full expression to the general sentiment of the student body felt for a long time. As one interested in athletics, I trust an expression of my views on this subject may not be out of place.

The most important change in custom is made by the Two Term Rule: "No student shall be excused to represent athletic teams for more than two terms in a college year." Or, to put the rule more plainly, no student hereafter shall

be worked to death in athletics. What man attends college to work on the athletic field or gymnasium floor three hours a day for thirty weeks in the year? Those who carry the burden of athletics, weary of the task; and so also do the men who stand by to encourage and subscribe. The rule now made and provided will protect the willing and the unwilling athlete against the pressure of college enthusiasm and semi-professional spirit. When athletics become the primary thing in college life, they cease to be sport, and interclass games are rendered almost impossible. In the life of the student no games are more enjoyable and profitable than the "job lot" type, or the interclass. And no proposition is plainer than this—we need more athletics within the college, more exercise for the men, and far less athletic jockeyism, semi-professionalism, and exorbitant expenditure of money which the present order of things in the colleges seems to demand.

Hamilton is not the only college that is changing toward better things in athletics. No man in Williams, Union, Syracuse, or Cornell, works for more than two terms of the year on the athletic field or gymnastic floor. Colgate, you may say, does permit such athletic liberty. But who cares to imitate Colgate?

In regard to the rule concerning excuses, we are no more strict than Williams and Cornell. From the standpoint of fairness, the rules are timely, they express the best sentiment of the entire college, and will go far in setting us right on some of the important questions of intellectual and athletic training here on the Hill. We need to get out of the spirit of commercialism and the overwhelming desire to win. The new rules will help us materially in this particular, and they are welcome.

G. H. SICARD, '06.

Prize Awards to 1906.

Tompkins Mathematical Prizes: 1st, Jenks; 2nd, Gentes; Medal, Fitch.

Curran Medals in Greek and Latin: Gold, Driscoll; Silver, Kellogg.

Hawley Classical Medals: Hallock, Sittig.

Huntington Mathematical Scholarship: Jenks.

Truax Greek Scholarship: Driscoll.

Munson German Scholarship: Sittig.

Soper Latin Scholarship: Kellogg.

Junior Kellogg Prize Essays: 1st, Murdock; 2nd, Hallock.

Sophomore Prize Essays: 1st, Kinney; 2nd, Purdy.

Freshman Prize Essays: 1st, McLean; 2nd, Kinney; 1st, Murdock; 2nd, Kellogg.

Junior McKinney Speakers: 1st, Heacock; 2nd, Edie.

Sophomore Speakers: 1st, Sicard; 2nd, Thompson.

Freshman Speakers: 1st, Gentes; 2nd, McLean.

Pruyn Medal Oration: Hallock.

Head Prize Oration: McLean.

Kirkland Prize Oration: Maynard.

Clark Prize Oration: Purdy.

Baldwin Entrance Prize: Brokaw.

Brockway Entrance Prize: Tanner.

Soper Prize Thesis: No award.

The 1906 Football Schedule.

Following is the probable football schedule for next fall.

The Cornell game has not been decisively arranged for yet, but the existing difficulties will probably be regu-

lated soon, and the game will doubtless be played.

Sept. 29.—Cazenovia Sem., at Clinton.

Oct. 3.—Cornell at Ithaca.

6.—St. Lawrence, at Clinton.

13.—Syracuse, at Syracuse.

20.—Troy Poly. Institute, at Troy.

27.—Rochester, at Clinton.

Nov. 3.—Trinity, at Hartford, Conn.

11.—Colgate, at Clinton.

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